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FM AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8715

INFO USDEL MTN GENEVA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, TD, US

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF GSP TREATMENT OF
ANGOSTURA BITTERS

REF: 75 MTN GENEVA 7399, 75 MTN GENEVA 9365

1. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ANGOSTURA BITTERS LTD. WILL
TAKE PLACE ON FEBRUARY 10, AND COMPANY HAS ALREADY CIRCULATED
ITS ANNUAL REPORT WHICH IS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF TRADE BARRIERS
BY DEVELOPED NATIONS WHICH IMPEDE SALE OF BITTERS. EMBASSY
ANTICIPATES THAT U.S. GSP IS LIKELY TO COME UNDER STRONG
ATTACK AT MEETING DUE TO INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION'S
DECISION THAT ANGOSTURA BITTERS DO NOT QUALIFY FOR EXEMPTION
FROM GSP COMPETITIVE NEED LIMITATIONS PROVIDED BY SECTION
504 (D). WE NOTE THAT USDEL MTN HAS ALREADY ASKED FOR
CLARIFICATION OF THE ITC DECISION, BUT WE HAVE NOT SEEN A
REPLY TO THAT REQUEST CONTAINED IN THE REFERENCED CABLES.

2. IF DEPT. HAD ALREADY REPLIED TO GENEVA'S REQUEST,
PLEASE REPEAT APPROPRIATE PORTION TO PORT OF SPAIN.

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OTHERWISE, REQUEST WHATEVER EXPLANATION OR CLARIFICATION

AVAILABLE, IN ORDER TO PERMIT EMBASSY TO HEAD OFF
ATTACK ON GSP JUST AT TIME WHEN WE ARE ENCOURAGING
LOCAL EXPORTERS TO TAKE MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE OF BENEFITS
OF U.S. TRADE ACT.
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